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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Richard Nathan Horton of Maryville, who passed away on August 31, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Horton was born on December 11, 1931 in East St. Louis; his parents were Homer and Dorothy (nee Miller) Horton; he married Marcella Jerome on September 16, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Horton retired as a superintendent from the Ethyl Corporation in Sauget in 1994, after over 40 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Horton was a stand-out baseball player for East St. Louis Senior High's class of 1949; he moved on to play in the old East St. Louis city leagues, where he was known for his power at the plate, arm strength, and overall speed; his athleticism led to signing with the St. Louis Cardinals farm system, where he played for 3 years until his commitment to his country; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Horton honorably served for 4 years in the United States Navy aboard the USS Wasp, USS Champlain, and USS Boxer; and

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1 WHEREAS, Richard Horton was a member of SS. Peter and Paul
2 Catholic Church in Collinsville; and

3 WHEREAS, Richard Horton was preceded in death by his
4 parents; a brother, Robert A. Horton; and a sister, Betsy L.
5 Horton; and

6 WHEREAS, Richard Horton is survived by his wife, Marcella;
7 6 children, Kenneth (Christine) Horton, Kelly (David)
8 Stelmach, Patrick (Katherine Traubitz) Horton, Deborah
9 (William) Moder, Stacie (Kim Castro) Horton, and Mary (Guy)
10 Santen; 14 grandchildren, Jessica (Andrew) Ropicki, Lindsey
11 (Aaron) Wise, Nathan (Anastasia) Horton, Stefanie (Daniel)
12 Pier, Kendra Cunningham, Kyle (Katherine) Cunningham, Eric
13 Shockley, Kimberly (Christopher Haas) Horton, Kayla
14 (Christopher Jennings) Horton, Mariah, Ivy, and Libby Horton,
15 and Kelley and Sarah Napier; and 13 great-grandchildren;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
19 family and friends, mourn the passing of Richard Nathan Horton;
20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Richard Horton as an expression of

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1 our sympathy.